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The stones were very similar to Tennessee marble or Scotch granite. On the right side of the skeleton the Professor found a silver plate about the size and exactly the shape of an artist's palette. No mark whatever was distinguishable on this piece, but it is of the purest silver. It may have been used as a shield, though the Professor inclines to the belief that it was a "charm," and that the skeleton was that of some medicine man or priest."

I replied to my correspondent that I thought the whole story a "hoax," but if it would please him would soon find out if it were or not. I accordingly addressed a letter to the editor of the paper in which the article originally appeared, asking him on what authority the publication was made. He answered that it had been written by a sub-editor (giving his name) who, however, had left his employ, but to whom he would forward my letter. A few days ago I secured a note from the sub-editor aforesaid, in which he says:

"To be frank with you, 'Explorations in Utah' was a *sensation*, written to offset the forthcoming report of 'Professor Powell in the Colorado Canons,' and Colonel Samuel Adams' in Colorado,' both of which have since appeared. From personal observation in the region mentioned, I know both reports to be very erroneous."

I should perhaps mention that "Professor Scott's" explorations were alleged to have been undertaken under the belief that the race of the mound builders of the Mississippi Valley had migrated to Mexico and Central Mexico, and that traces of their transit might be found on the way. — E. G. SQUIER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. Dupuy, M. D. — Your specimens though inconveniently small for determination, are: 1, *Polypodium incanum*; 2, *Aspidium patens*; 3, *Parmelia pertata* variety *olivetorum*; 4, *Rumilina fraxinea*; 5, *Parmelia speciosa* variety *gramelifera*. Southern species of lichens and ferns are very acceptable. Send along some more. Your remarks upon the *Tillandsia usneoides* are interesting; may we hear more from you on the habits of the plants of your vicinity? — J. L. R.

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